

REMARKS

Claims 13-17 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 13-17 are amended. No new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the application.

35 U.S.C. § 102 CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 13-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,311,562 to Palusamy et al., (Palusamy). The amended claims are allowable over this art.

Specifically regarding claims 13-15, as amended, each refers to transmitting report data describing the history of revision of a control parameter of a control circuitry from said remote maintenance device to said maintenance tool, said control parameter is part of a control operation logic of the control circuitry and said control circuitry supports the control operation logic. Palusamy neither teaches nor suggests that report data describing the revision history of a control parameter of a control circuitry is transmitted to a maintenance tool through a communication network. Nor does Palusamy teach or suggest a control parameter that is a part of a control operation logic of a control circuitry that supports the control operation logic. Palusamy merely discusses a monitoring system used to collect and transmit data which may be used by personnel to access operational conditions and potential maintenance problems. (Abstract, and col. 1 lines 5-20)

Specifically regarding claims 16-17, as amended, each refers to transmitting revision instruction data, which describes a revision to be applied to a control parameter of a circuitry in said controlling controller from said remote maintenance device to said maintenance tool, said control parameter is part of a control operation logic of the circuitry in said controlling controller and said circuitry of said controlling controller supports the control operation logic. Palusamy neither teaches nor suggests

transmitting revision instruction data which describes the revision to be applied to a control parameter of a circuitry in a controlling controller. Nor does Palusamy teach or disclose a maintenance tool revising a control parameter of a circuitry according to revision instruction data. Moreover, as already discussed, Palusamy does not teach or disclose a control parameter that is part of a control operation logic of a control circuitry that supports the control operation logic.

In Palusamy, signals for controlling the plant are transmitted and received among the constituent units of the system. (Col 5, lines 35-42, and Fig. 2.) In the claims of the instant application, information for changing control operation logic for plant control is not transmitted or received among the units of the system. The instant claims provide the advantage of a remote maintenance apparatus that allows for the execution of functions similar to those offered by a maintenance tool while remotely providing any required maintenance services, which in turn makes it possible to provide prompt and proper maintenance services at low cost, thus enabling improvement of the quality of maintenance services. (¶¶ 0007 and 0067.) For at least the foregoing reasons claims 13-17 define over Palusamy. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance are solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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